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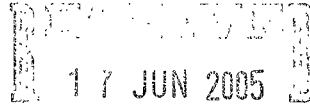
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The Secretary
Standing Committee on
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Cheryl,

Sorry it has taken so long to reply.

As founder and chairperson of the *Koorlbardi Aboriginal Corporation* I have implemented initiatives that have yielded extremely successful results. I have personally founded the *Koorlbardi Community External Study Program (KCESP)* which has allowed our *grassroots students* of varied ages the ability to complete a "*Certificate of General Education*" in co-operation with Swan Tafe in a *culturally friendly environment* away from mainstream educational institutions, which have failed them in the past.

This program has a success rate of **70%** with these graduates finding further employment in their chosen fields of enterprise, proving that the organisation has the ability to achieve immediate results on the employability of these students.

These short term goals for the Koorlbardi community are to be widened in the long term to include the non-indigenous community of which there are over 90 people wishing to attend. The long term vision of the community includes a Koorlbardi cultural centre, a bus servicing the needs of the community, a child minding and lawn maintenance service. This complete package would serve to create jobs and foster the cultural development for our Indigenous communities.

From this I gather that my standing as a man of honour is matched by being a man of action. My track record speaks highly of myself as a man who seeks the betterment of our Aboriginal people in our situation and our sense of self worth.

At the moment I battle funding problems and I feel that with full Government support we can exercise the program to it's full potential based on the successes we have already had. Any help regarding the facilitation of this dream - which is not only my dream but the dreams of so many of our Indigenous people in our community- would be greatly appreciated,

Furthermore I believe that this model can be taken into other communities that also have the desire to improve the education, social and economical outcomes for our people.

Please find attached the "*Koorlbardi Aboriginal Corporation Business Plan*" which may serve to outline the seriousness of my intentions and my visions of this programs future.

I have sent copies of the "*Koorlbardi Aboriginal Corporation Business Plan*" to the Premier of WA and his Ministers with no response as yet.

Your reply to our concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for time and consideration


Yours Sincerely

Ray Hansen
Chairperson/Founder Koornbardi Aboriginal Corporation

N.B. Please find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the Premier of WA and his Ministers.